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Patent Application of

Stephen W. Dvorak

Application No. 10/694,244

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Examiner: David A. Redding

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
SOLIDS PROCESSING"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED |                  |  |       |  |                         |             |                          |
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|                   | (1)              | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | (3)   | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR     | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | (6)<br>RATE | (7)<br>ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|                   | TOTAL<br>CLAIMS  | 20   | MINUS | 20   | 0                       | X \$25      | 0.00                     |
|                   | INDEP.<br>CLAIMS | 2  | MINUS | 3  | 0                       | X \$100     | 0.00                     |
|                   |                  |  |       | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT ----□ |                         | 0.00        |                          |

No additional fee is required.

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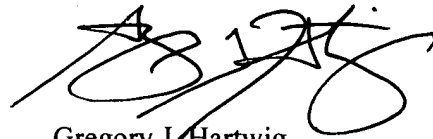
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### AMENDMENT AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This responds to the Office action mailed September 9, 2004, for which a response is due December 9, 2004, as well as the telephonic interview between the undersigned and the Examiner on September 16, 2004 ("the interview").

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.